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General

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1. I am addressing this memorandum to you instead of [REDACTED] on the assumption that he will be making his return trip before this gets to [REDACTED]

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25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] attended the

Telecon conference last Friday (23 May). You may be interested in some of the background concerning these conferences. OCI has been conducting weekly talks with [REDACTED] since March. ORR did not know about these sessions until about two weeks ago and the Friday session was the office's first real participation. The agricultural and other economic questions, which had previously gone to you, were sent by OCI Indications personnel and your replies had not been passed on to ORR Branches. Your answers on the Telecon will, in the future, be sent to the pertinent branches and I anticipate that ORR will increase its participation in these sessions and will also use this conference as a point of coordination with the Current Intelligence people. The conference, from our side, takes place down in "I" Building at the end of the temporary buildings, just off of Constitution Avenue. The room is rather small and not more than a dozen people can conveniently participate. OCI usually has approximately six or so analysts attending. It is possible that OSI will also participate in the future.

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3. On specific questions concerned in last Friday's session here are a few brief notes. [REDACTED] who is in [REDACTED] Power Branch (D/S), is being groomed for attendance at the [REDACTED] session in September. While there were three nominations from CIA, we do not know of any other CIA cases which have been buttoned-up. [REDACTED] 25X1A is being given special tutoring to raise his language fluency. The ECIC problem may take some time, and if you know of any urgency regarding the situation it would be helpful if you so notified us. [REDACTED] 25X1X4 need for the city questionnaire information is of increasing importance particularly since we plan this summer to inaugurate a photo-intelligence unit which will have a vital need for this kind of information, both for internal support and for work to be done under [REDACTED] We are not too clear here, as to just what ECIC's resources are and the extent of their effort in the economic intelligence field, but conditions would seem to indicate a high priority for the city questionnaire work.

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4. We were surprised to find you placed in [REDACTED]. We shall consider this as a temporary measure pending future developments. We may want to re-examine the assignment depending on an expansion of our overseas operations and developments concerning the T/O. However, for the time being it would seem that the move was in the best interests of our work.

5. Your letter of 12 May was most welcome, and we passed it on to the Deputy Director of Intelligence. Could you give us further details on item #7 concerning the changeover in personnel and the staffing by [REDACTED]

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6. Dick sent to us in April a Swiss newspaper article covering sales tax in Communist countries. [REDACTED] gets this paper and we are 25X1A8a waiting to see what exploitation will be done on the article before going further.

7. Enclosed is a list of various reports from foreign language material dealing with Soviet transport. Railway systems are checked in red. There are enclosed also further documents on Soviet railways.

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Robert Amory, Jr.

Enclosures

As stated in paragraph 7

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